

under the north balcony, it's Dr. Don Larson of Lincoln. Welcome, Dr. Larson. Mr. Clerk, LB 255.

CLERK: Mr. President, 255 was a bill introduced by Senator Warner. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14, referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Revenue Committee. (Revenue Committee amendments can be found on page 411 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hefner, are you going to handle those amendments?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I'll handle the committee amendments on this bill. And I apologize for not being here for the other two. Sorry about. Try to do better next time. But this committee amendment makes it mandatory that the report from the Department of Roads compare receipts to modified projections. Maybe I should tell you what this bill is about. This bill changes the provisions relating to the fuel excise tax rate set by the Board of Equalization, it's called the variable fuels taxes here in Nebraska. But, anyway, in the bill, on page 5, on line 13, it says, "the report may contain a comparison", and what this committee amendment change does is change the word "may" to "shall", "the report shall contain a comparison of actual receipts received to date added to any modified projections of deposits to the Highway Cash Fund." And so I would encourage you to support the committee amendments. If you have any questions, I'd be real happy to answer them for you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there discussion of the committee amendments? I don't see any. Do you wish to close, Senator Hefner? He waives closing. All those in favor of the committee amendments to LB 255 vote aye, all opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments for LB 255 are adopted. We'll now proceed to the bill. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move that LB 255 be advanced to E & R initial. LB 255 is an